# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
# LOK SABHA

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INTERNET CONNECTIONS IN RURAL AREAS
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**Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government proposes to provide internet connections in rural areas of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the target fixed and the achievements made thereon in this regard;

(d) whether any advanced technology is planned for speedy connectivity; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) to (c) Internet access on dial-up is available in rural areas of the country. Further, in order to proliferate internet and broadband services, Government has planned Broadband coverage for all Grampanchayats, all Secondary and Higher Secondary Schools and all Public Health Centres by 2008.

(d) & (e) The licences are technology neutral and depending upon the location, availability of infrastructure, speed requirement of the subscribers, the licensee can deploy any advance technology within the scope of the licence.